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SUBJ: MARINE SECURITY GUARD

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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA JULY 16, I RAISED SUBJECT AND REQUESTED HIS SYMPATHETIC SUPPORT WHEN MATTER IS PUT TO CABINET FOR DISCUSSION, AS EXPLAINED BY FOREIGN MINISTER MUDENDA.

2. PRESIDENT KAUNDA SEEMED VERY MOVED BY MY REVIEW OF KHARTOUM TRAGEDY IN TERMS OF LOSS OF PERSONAL FRIEND AS WELL AS ABLE DIPLOMAT; ALSO BY MY ARGUMENT THAT ZAMBIA IS ONE OF VERY FEW COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD WHERE AMERICAN EMBASSY IS WITHOUT PROTECTION OF MARINE SECURITY GUARD. I RECALLED THE DISCOVERY IN 1969 OF AN ELECTRONIC LISTENING DEVICE IN THE CHANCERY HERE. THE PRESIDENT ALSO RECALLED THE INCIDENT. I MENTIONED THAT SUCH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AS ZAIRE ALLOWED US MARINE GUARDS.

3. THE PRESIDENT REFERRED TO THE LIMITATION ON FOREIGN PERSONNEL AT ALL EMBASSIES ALMOST AS IF TO APOLOGIZE FOR ITS NEED, THEN ASKED IF MARINES PROPOSED FOR LUSAKA WOULD BE IN UNIFORM. SAID I WOULD RECOMMEND THEY NOT RPT NOT BE IN UNIFORM BECAUSE BELIEVED THIS COULD BE MISINTERPRETED AND BE CAUSE FOR ALARM OVER GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION IN ZAMBIA. THE PRESIDENT THANKED ME FOR THIS CONSIDERATION, SAYING MATTER STILL UNDERGOING INTER-AGENCY REVIEW AND FOREIGN MINISTER AWAY ON A MONTH'S

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VACATION. HE HOPED BY THE TIME I RETURNED TO POST IN SEPTEMBER

GRZ WOULD HAVE AN ANSWER FOR ME. WHILE HE DID NOT DISCLOSE HIS
DISPOSITION ON SUBJECT, HE LEFT ME WITH IMPRESSION THAT HE
MORE SYMPATHETICALLY THAN UNSYMPATHETICALLY INCLINED, ALTHOUGH
I WOULD NOT WANT TO COUNT ON THIS.WILKOWSKI

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